

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 16 - 23, with the following amended paragraph.

The linear conveying device 3 of the apparatus 2 of the first embodiment has a conveyor belt 13 that runs along a track or line 14. At the reversing ends 15 and 16 of the conveying device 3, the conveyor belt 13 is mounted on an idler roller ~~43~~ 17 and a drive roller 18 respectively. Provided at the end 16 of the linear conveying device 3 is a drive means 19. The drive means 19 is a servomotor having a suitable, non-illustrated control device, and driving the drive roller 18 for the transport of the conveyor belt 13.